

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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SKETCHES

OF

LEGISLATORS

AND

STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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1876.

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*County.*—Harrison.

SENATOR WALTER RIPETOE is a mulatto, and a native of Alabama. He has resided in Texas twenty-six years, and is thirty-eight years old. He is a man of family, resides in Marshall, Harrison county, Texas, and is a professional mechanic, though for some time he has been engaged in school teaching.

In politics Mr. Ripetoe is a Republican; was nominated on the Republican ticket, and Harrison county being largely Republican, he was elected by 2,617 majority. He is a man of much more than ordinary size; is possessed of prominent features, and as a public man, has yet to show what there is in him.